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RESOLUTION NO. 06-022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS
ESTABLISHING AN AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS PENDING IN THE
CITY OF WICHITA MUNICIPAL COURT AND ESTABLISHING A FIREARM DROP OFF
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The City of Wichita Municipal Court has thousands of outstanding warrants, including traffic, parking, Health, Fire, Office of Central Inspection warrants, bench warrants, and probation violation warrants which should be served and resolved; and

WHEREAS, By having an amnesty program available to persons with outstanding warrants, including traffic, parking, Health, Fire, Office of Central Inspection warrants, bench warrants, and probation violation warrants an incentive will be provided to these persons to resolve such matters and thus clear old warrants out of the court system; and

WHEREAS, Clearing the court system of old warrants will be an overall benefit to the Municipal Court and result in a more manageable and current database; and

WHEREAS, The Wichita Police Department would like to provide an opportunity for citizens to voluntarily surrender firearms; and

WHEREAS, By having a gun drop off program and removing guns from our neighborhoods citizens will be provided a safer community; and

WHEREAS, An amnesty program and gun drop off will be an efficient allocation of staff resources to enable the resolution of outstanding cases pending before the Municipal Court and remove unwanted guns from the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The Municipal Court shall implement an amnesty program for certain outstanding, unpaid warrants. This amnesty program shall commence on February 13, 2006, and continue through February 17, 2006.

SECTION 2. Included in this amnesty program are outstanding warrants, including parking, traffic, Health, Fire and Office of Central Inspection warrants for which a fine may be assessed. Bench warrants and probation violation warrants will also be included in this amnesty program.

SECTION 3. Prior to the implementation date of this amnesty program the City shall publish a list of all persons with outstanding warrants that are eligible to participate in this amnesty program. This publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the community, and shall include the person's name, date of birth and case number(s).

SECTION 4. Section 1.04.070 of the City Code pertaining to costs to be assessed in the Municipal Court shall not be applicable to any warrants that are included in the amnesty program. The costs which shall be assessed to satisfy any warrant eligible for the amnesty program shall be those costs that were assessed at the time the warrant was issued, and further, shall exclude any warrant costs assessed on each eligible case.

SECTION 5. The Municipal Court shall designate personnel and maintain office hours during the aforementioned dates that the amnesty program is in effect so as to provide the necessary access to the Court for citizens wishing to take part in the amnesty program by resolving their outstanding warrants.

SECTION 6. The amnesty program implemented pursuant to this resolution shall be a one-time program and shall cease to be in effect after the closing date mentioned above has passed.

SECTION 7. The Wichita Police Department shall implement a gun drop off program for unwanted firearms. This program shall commence on February 1, 2006, and continue through February 28, 2006.

SECTION 8. The gun drop off program implemented pursuant to this resolution shall be a one-time program and shall cease to be in effect after the closing date mentioned above has passed.

ADOPTED at Wichita, Kansas, this 10TH day of January, 2006.

Carlos Mayans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Sublett
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Gary E. Rebenstorf
Director of Law